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DUHAMEL TO VISIT CAIRO

Media representatives are advised that Ron J. Duhamel, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Secretary of State (Western Economic Diversification) (Francophonie), will visit Cairo, Egypt, on February 16 and 17, 2001.

Minister Duhamel will lead the Canadian delegation at a meeting of the Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (CONFEJES) and at the ministerial meeting of the Games of La Francophonie International Committee (GFIC), where he will present a progress report on the preparations for the IV Games of La Francophonie. The IV Games will take place in the Ottawa-Hull region from July 14 to 24, 2001.

Established in 1969, the CONFEJES brings together representatives of more than 35 countries. Part of its mandate is responsibility for the continued success of the Games, which were launched at the Francophonie Summit held in Quebec City in 1987.

The GFIC, which reports to the CONFEJES, is tasked with supervising the organization of the Games by the host country. This includes approving the specifications, the Games program, the choice of sites for the sports and cultural events, the accommodations and the provisional budgets of the Organizing Committee.

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